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12 September 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of Mission C287C

1. General: Mission C287C was alerted on 29 August 1967 and was flown on 30-31 August as a round robin mission from

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Preplanned Mission Data:

Distance	3295 NM
Time to Landing	8+45 Hours
Mission Profile	Max Rng/65000/68000/Max Rng
Take-off Fuel	1520 Gallons
Fuel Reserve at Hi Cone	110 Gallons

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2. Actual Mission Data: Scheduled take-off at 30 August was made good. Mission aircraft landed at 31 August for a mission duration of 9+06 hours. No tracker readout of the route was possible due to cloud coverage plus overexposure and fogging of the film. Deviation from track was made, however, when evasive action was taken when missile firing occurred prior to reaching the target area.

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[REDACTED]

Weather: Category IV and V weather was prevalent throughout the flight with the exception of the target area which was Category III.

3. Air Defense Reactions (ChiCom):

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[REDACTED]

b. Fighter Reaction: None was observed or reported by the mission pilot.

c. Missile Activity: At 2300Z, [REDACTED] activity was experienced. Approximate position was 3624N 09450E near Ka Erh Mu Airfield which is 300 nautical miles southeast of Lop Nor. Oscar Sierra activity followed shortly after the pilot initiated evasive action. Twenty to thirty seconds later, two explosions were observed. One missile exploded 2,000 to 3,000 feet below and 3,000 to 4,000 feet ahead at the 10:30 position. The other burst was at the four o'clock position below 2,000 to 3,000 feet and aft 3,000 to 4,000 feet. The pilot was of the opinion that a total of four missiles were fired.

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6. Photo Analysis: No camera other than the tracker was carried. Excessive cloud cover plus poor contrast and exposure with fair resolution and focus made readout practically impossible.

7. Maintenance: Article 383 was flown on this mission. No aircraft general, flight instrument or engine discrepancies were reported. 25X1A

8. Communications: Radio, nav aids and [redacted] operation was satisfactory on this mission.

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C/IDEA/OSA

Attachment - 1
Route Overlay

IDEA/OSA [redacted] : aea (12 Sep 67)

Distribution:

- #1 - D/SA
- #2 - D/O/OSA
- #3 - SSD/R&D/OSA
- #4 - INTEL/OSA
- #5 - D/M/OSA
- #6 - IDEA/OSA
- #7 - RB/OSA
- #8 - Holdback

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